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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officers

OF

ACWORTH, N. H.

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Report of Selectmen of Acworth.

Taxes required to be assessed in town April 1, 1905.

State tax	$ 416 50
County tax	697 13
Town charges	1,200 00
Highways and bridges	1,200 00
Support of schools	885 00
" Library	60 00
Repair of school-houses	90 00
" Cemetery	30 00
Snow-rollers	160 00
Bearing money	216 69
Total	$4,955 32

Rate of taxation, $1.80 on each $100.

INVOICE, APRIL 1, 1905.

Polls	No., 156	Value,	$ 15,600
Real estate			206,729
Horses	266		14,025
Oxen	36		2,010
Cows	466		12,283
Neat stock	271		5,853
Sheep	585		1,623
Hogs	5		50
Fowls	205		72
Stock in Banks			1,300
Money at interest			6,695
Stock in trade			5,090
Mills			3,350
Automobile	1		250
Total valuation,			$274,930

ALMON E. CLARK,
JOHN SYMONDS,
GEORGE J. RACKLIFFE, } Selectmen of Acworth.

Auditor's Statement of affairs of the Town of Acworth, as presented by the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1906.

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

1905.		
Dec. 2.	Order to W. C. Neal, paym't of State tax	$416 50
"	" " County tax	697 13

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

1905.			
May 17.	Order drawn to H. N. Hayward, School District Treasurer, appropriation for repairing school-house	$90 00	
Oct. 7.	Order drawn to Guy S. Neal, treasurer Cemetery Association, appropriation for repairing cemetery	30 00	
1906.			
Jan. 6.	B. T. Mousley, medical attendance for lice in schools	4 50	
Feb. 15.	George A. Gordon, damages sustained on highway	50 00	
Feb. 15.	George F. Lewis, damages sustained on highway Dec., 1905	15 00	
	Total		$189 50

ORDER DRAWN TO SUPPORT SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Dec. 2, 1905.	Order to H. N. Hayward, treas'r,	$60 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

1905.		
April 14.	Order to Am. Book Co., school books,	$ 31 50

June 3.	Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. Treas'r, School money, in part	$400 00
July 1.	Order to Am. Book Co., school books	25 50
	Geo. A. Evans, school supplies	13 30
July 1.	Order to R. E. Lane, " "	1 99
	E. K. Morrison, expense of procuring school-books	65
Oct. 7.	Order to Ginn & Co., school-books	8 67
Oct. 28.	Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. treasurer school money, in part	350 00
Dec. 2.	Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. treasurer, balance school money	135 00
	Order to E.K. Morrison, school supplies	10 23
	Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. treasurer, Literary fund	56 10
	Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. treasurer, proportion of State fund	99 40
1906.		
Jan. 6.	Order to Brick Store Co., school supplies	2 01
Feb. 13.	Order to G. A. Evans, "	13 10
Feb. 14.	Order to E. K. Morrison, "	85
	Total	$1,148 30

ORDERS DRAWN TO REPAIR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1905.		
April 14.	Order to W. A. Potter, repairing sluice	$ 3 95
April 24.	" Chas. E. Barlow, repairing road	7 74
May 6.	" M. D. Gay, " "	3 07
	" S. O. Brackett, lumber, and work on bridge	2 50
	Order to Chas. E. Barlow, repairing roads	19 03

June 3.	Order to	Geo. A. Hatch, repairing roads and cash paid	$38 05
	"	C. A. Stocks, repairing roads and cash paid	35 60
	"	C. H. Neal, repairing roads and cash paid	38 00
June 12.	"	Chas. E. Barlow, repairing roads and cash paid	23 32
June 12.	Order to	Arthur Burnham, repairing roads	42 70
July 1.	"	J. L. Webster, repairing roads and cash paid	11 40
	"	A. G. Livingston, repairing roads and cash paid	75
	"	E. F. French, repairing roads and cash paid	47 75
	"	T. D. Miller, repairing roads and cash paid	20 32
	"	Nathan Pitkin, repairing roads and cash paid	33 17
	"	H. N. Hayward (for Precinct), repairing roads and cash paid,	30 00
	"	Arthur Burnham, repairing roads and cash paid	14 25
	"	Horace Dexter, repairing roads and cash paid	11 85
	"	C. A. Stocks, repairing roads and cash paid	19 54
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, repairing roads and cash paid	36 03
	"	Daniel Moody, repairing roads and cash paid	8 70
	"	H. L. Piper, repairing roads and cash paid	9 75
	"	C. H. Neal, reparing roads and cash paid	9 00
	"	James Jefferys, repairing road and cash paid	27 55

July 1.	Order to	W. S. Lombard, repairing roads and cash paid	$10 00
	"	A. J. Davis, repairing roads and cash paid	43 05
	"	E. E. Sherman, repairing roads and cash paid	24 00
	"	S. O. Brackett, repairing roads and cash paid	40 00
Aug. 5.	Order to	T. D. Miller, repairing roads and cash paid	10 25
	"	Floyd N. Rugg, repairing roads and cash paid	18 00
	"	Charles E. Barlow, repairing roads and cash paid	2 93
Sept. 2.	"	M. D. Gay, repairing roads and cash paid	6 13
	"	C. H. Neal, repairing roads and cash paid	24 95
	"	T. D. Miller, repairing roads and cash paid	14 90
	"	W. A. Pitkin, repairing roads and cash paid	36 75
	"	James Jefferys, repairing roads and cash paid	10 50
	"	Floyd N. Rugg, repairing roads and cash paid	33 95
	"	W. S. Lombard, bridge plank and stringers	53 81
	"	W. S. Lombard, lumber, and labor on road	17 54
Oct. 7.	"	M. W. Gassett, repairing roads and bridges	30 80
	"	Nathan Pitkin, repairing roads	13 69
	"	J. L. Webster, repairing roads and cash paid	33 45
	"	C. H. Neal, repairing roads and cash paid	20 25

Oct. 7.	Order to	Charles Allen, repairing roads and cash paid	$ 2 70
	"	Horace Dexter, repairing roads and cash paid	5 25
	"	A. J. Davis, repairing road and cash paid	6 75
Oct. 28.	"	M. D. Gay, repairing road and cash paid	16 37
Dec. 2.	Order to	M. W. Gassett, repairing road and cash paid	7 68
	"	G. A. Hatch, repairing road and bridge plank	6 80
	"	H. L. Piper, repairing road and cash paid	24 95
	"	W. S. Lombard, timber and bridge plank	12 75
	"	C. A. Millikin, repairing road and cash paid	20 52
	"	Jay Call, repairing road	90
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, repairing road and cash paid	4 50
1906.			
Jan. 6.	"	M. D. Gay, repairing road	3 26
Feb. 3.	"	E. F. French, cutting brush in highway	4 35
	"	C. H. Neal, labor on bridges	2 50
	"	E. E. Sherman, repairing road and cash paid	9 00
	"	C. A. Stocks, repairing road	2 83
	"	James A. Dickey, " "	4 00
Feb. 14.	"	C. H. Neal, repairing road and cash paid	1 40
	"	T. D. Miller, repairing road and cash paid	36 75
Feb. 15.	"	A. J. Davis, repairing road and cash paid	2 00
	Total		$1,113 73

ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

1905.			
Mar. 25.	Order to	Geo. I. Putnam, for printing check-lists,	$ 4 00
	"	H. R. Neal, paid express "	1 00
	"	F. A. Musgrove, printing Town Reports,	35 40
	"	Miss L. A. Paige, for use of watering trough, 1904,	3 00
April 14.	"	Lydia K. Howe, for use of watering trough, 1904,	2 00
May 6.	"	A. E. Clark, express on town reports	50
June 3.	"	H. N. Hayward, making taxes	8 00
	"	G. F. Lewis, freight on road-machine	9 06
	"	E. E. Reed, express on school-books	3 95
	"	E. C. Eastman, stationery	4 54
July 1.	"	John Hadlock, new road-machine	243 69
	"	Fred Fowler, painting hearse-house	4 00
Aug. 5.	"	G. A. Evans, paint stock furnished	8 85
Sept. 2.	"	N. Spaulding, returning births, marriages and deaths	21 70
Sept. 7.	"	B. F. Mousley, reporting births & deaths	1 25
Oct. 7.	"	N. Spaulding, returning births, marriages and deaths	34 05
	"	H. A. Clark, cash paid, postage and stationery	75
Nov. 16.	"	Joseph Nichols, repairing road machine, and railing	2 15
	"	E. C. Eastman, town order-book	1 36
Dec. 2.	"	E. K. Morrison, water tub, one year	3 00
Dec. 23.	"	N. Spaulding, births, marriages & deaths	29 15
1906.			
Jan. 6.	"	B. T. Mousley, reporting births & deaths,	1 25
	"	W. E. Clark, " " "	1 00
	"	O. D. Kemp, water tub, one year	2 00
	"	G. A. Evans, nails furnished T. D. Miller	75
	"	A. A. Fisk, three snow rollers	160 00
Feb. 3.	"	C. A. Stocks, use of water tub one year,	3 00

Feb. 13.	Order to	Charles Elliot, use of water tub one year	$ 3 00
	"	R. J. Carey, " "	3 00
	"	G. W. Buss, " "	2 00
	"	Nathan Spaulding, recording births, marriages and deaths	4 05
Feb. 14.	"	Miss L. A. Paige, for use of watering trough, 1905	3 00
	"	F. B. Emerson, use of watering trough, '05	2 00
	"	W. C. Neal, repairing Sexton's tools	1 10
	"	G. A. Evans, nails for railing (T. D. Miller)	66
	"	A. E. Clark, postage and stationery	50
Total			$608 71

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Mar. 25.	Order to	J. E. Heath, wood furnished E. Wright,	$ 6 13
Apr. 14.	"	Lydia K. Howe, keeping Faed N. Howe,	45 25
May 6.	"	L. J. Clough, keeping Almira C. Clough,	78 00
	"	Daniel Moody, keeping Serena Moody	26 00
	"	G. A. Evans, pork furnished E. Wright,	1 00
	"	A. J. Davis, wood " "	2 25
July 1.	"	H. L. Piper, pig " "	3 50
Sept. 2.	"	Daniel Moody, keeping Serena Moody	26 00
Oct. 28.	"	" " " " "	26 00
Nov. 1.	"	L. J. Clough, keeping Almira Clough 26 w.	78 00
Nov. 8.	"	Lydia K. Howe, keeping Fred N. Howe,	46 00
	"	Bayard T. Mousley, medical attendance to E. A. Norton	38 72
Nov. 15.	"	G. W. Buss, aid furnished Henry Lemke	18 39
Nov. 16.	"	H. G. Perham, " " "	5 50
	"	Mary Lombard, aid furnished Albert Chandler	6 00
	"	A. E. Clark, aid furnished Henry Lemke	1 30
	"	Joseph Nichols, caring for E. A. Norton and trip to Hanover	5 00

Dec. 2.	Order to	William Miller, goods for E. Wright	$ 1 60
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, aid " "	9 45
Apr. 10.	"	Charles E. Barlow, aid furnished by Selectmen	5 00
1906.			
Jan. 6.	"	Brick Store Co., goods for E. Wright,	1 50
	"	William Miller, " "	3 05
	"	O. D. Kemp, provisions "	14 34
	"	Almon E. Clark, aid for Henry Lemke	2 25
Feb. 3.	"	Daniel Moody, keeping Serena Moody	26 00
	"	E. F. French, aid for Henry Lemke	8 00
Feb. 14.	"	G. J. Rackliffe, keeping tramp	1 00
	"	H. G. Perham, aid to Henry Lemke	4 50
Total			$489 73

Received from County	$356 35	
Due from Co. on account of aid furnished since Nov.	41 75	
Total		398 10
Expense to town		$ 91 63

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

Mar. 14.	Order to	L. A. Young, services of School Board,	$60 00
Mar. 25.	"	H. R. Neal, services as Supervisor	6 00
	"	G. P. Dickey, Supervisor to Nov., 1904,	10 00
Apr. 15.	"	H. N. Hayward, Auditor, Feb., 1905,	4 00
May 6.	"	John Symonds, serv. as Selectman to date	35 00
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, " "	31 00
	"	H. A. Clark, " "	21 00
Sept. 2.	"	B. F. Mousley, serv. as board of health,	3 50
Oct. 7.	"	H. A. Clark, Bal. services as Selectman,	6 00
	"	H. A. Clark, services as overseer of poor,	7 00
	"	E. K. Morrison, serv. as board of health,	2 25
Dec. 2.	"	W. S. Lombard, services as truant officer	2 25
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, serv. as Selectman to date	9 00

1906.			
Feb. 13.	Order to	W. C. Neal, services as Town Treasurer,	$ 25 00
	"	G. A. Evans, School District auditor	2 00
	"	H. N. Hayward, " clerk & treas'r	7 00
	"	Nathan Spaulding, serv. as Town Clerk,	25 00
	"	F. H. Batchelder, serv. as collector of taxes	60 00
Feb. 14.	"	W. C. Neal, services as sexton	38 00
	"	John Symonds, services as Selectman,	14 00
	"	G. J. Rackliffe, " "	5 00
	"	A. E. Clark, " "	11 00
	"	A. E. Clark, services as overseer of poor	6 00
Total			$390 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS.

1905.				
Mar. 14.	Order to	F. W. Hyde,	breaking roads,	$16 20
	"	E. L. Whipple,	" "	19 10
Mar. 25.	"	M. D. Gay,	" "	3 13
	"	W. A. Potter,	" "	11 55
	"	O. T. Muzzy,	" "	10 35
	"	John Meyers,	" "	1 50
Apr. 14.	"	Charles E. Barlow,	" "	3 07
	"	W. H. Johnson,	" "	20 89
	"	W. H. Booth,	" "	13 40
Apr. 15.	"	Lemuel Smith,	" "	8 10
	"	E. L. Whipple,	" "	450
	"	Horace Dexter,	" "	4 00
	"	G. S. Neal,	" "	2 55
May 6.	"	L. F. Clough,	" "	14 40
	"	James Jeffery,	" "	6 90
	"	" "	" Jan., 1905,	2 70
	"	G. J. Rackliffe,	" "	90
	"	A. J. Davis,	" "	6 40
June 3.	"	M. W. Ganett,	" "	11 95
	"	W. C. Neal,	" "	14 05
	"	T. D. Miller,	" "	3 50
	"	H. L. Piper,	" "	3 70

Sept. 2.	Order to	John Symonds,	breaking	roads	$ 1 50
Dec. 2.	"	E. F. French,	"	"	3 00
1906.					
Feb. 14.	"	S. A. Nye,	"	"	1 05
	"	H. G. Perham,	"	"	1 45
Feb. 15.	"	James Jeffery,	"	"	1 20
	Total				$191 04

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

1905.			
Apr. 15.	Order to	Nellie E. Kemp, one year's interest on note No. 22	9 00
1906.			
Feb. 13.	"	H. N. Hayward, one year's interest on notes No. 17 and 18	9 00
	"	Flora Buss, one year's interest on note No. 8	12 00
	Total		$30 00

ORDERS DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

1905.						
July 1.	Order to	W. S. Lombard,	services	as dog constable		$ 8 00
1906.						
Jan. 6.	Order to	M. F. Bragg,	damage to sheep	by dogs	$36 00	
	"	E.E. & I. Newton,	"	"	" 26 00	
	"	L. F. J. Clough,	"	"	" 4 00	
	"	E. L. Whipple,	"	"	" 8 00	
	"	Geo. A. Hatch,	,,	"	" 8 00	
	"	R. S. Reed,	"	"	" 12 00	
	Total					$94 00

Jan. 6.	Order to	John Simonds,	damage to sheep	by dogs	$3 30	
	"	G. J. Rackliffe,	"	"	" 1 50	
	Total					$ 4 80
	Total					$106 80

Damage to sheep	$94 00	
Services of constable	8 00	
Services of appraisers	4 80	
Feb. 3. Order to H. N. Hayward, Dist. treas'r, balance	10 20	
Total		$117 00
Amount of dog licenses returned		$117 00

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY HIGH-SCHOOL TUITION.

1905.

June 3.	Order to treasurer of Stevens High School, tuition Gaylie Call	$12 00
"	Treasurer of Kimball Union Academy, tuition Raymond Buss	12 00
Dec. 2. "	Treasurer of Kimball Union Academy, tuition Harry L. Perham	16 00
"	Treasurer of Stevens High School, tuition Gaylie Call	9 00
Total		$49 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1906.

Feb. 13.	Order to F. H. Batchelder, J. Lafriel for being overtaxed	$1 36
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of C. Reed's tax, in part	1 81
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of Guy Cummings's poll-tax	1 80
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of C. H. Bennett's poll-tax	1 80
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of Asa Pratt's poll-tax	1 80
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of George Sherman's poll-tax	1 80
"	F. H. Batchelder, abatement of E. Wright's tax on homestead	7 59
Total		$17 96

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ATTENDING BRIDGE HEARING AT NORTH WALPOLE.

1906.		
Feb. 14.	Order to G. J. Rackliffe, two days' attendance and mileage	$ 5 67
"	W. O. Kemp, two days' attendance and mileage	4 42
"	F. H. Batchelder, two days' attendance and mileage	5 55
"	M. V. B. Peck, two days' attendance and mileage	5 79
"	J. T. Mitchell, two days' attendance and mileage	4 42
"	H. R. Neal, two days' attendance and mileage	5 43
"	A. E. Clark, two days' attendance and mileage	5 82
Total		$37 10

Receipts in Treasury,

AS SHOWN BY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1905.			
Mar. 8.	To cash in Treasury, as per Auditor's report	$1,083 22	
May 10.	To cash rec'd from county, support of paupers		149 25
Aug. 5.	To cash rec'd from town clerk, dog licenses		117 00
Dec. 2.	To cash rec'd from county, support of paupers		207 10
	To cash rec'd from State, insurance tax		1 50
	" " " savings bank tax		250 01
	" " " literary fund		56 10
	" " " Acworth's proportion of School fund		99 40

1906.		
Feb. 13. To cash rec'd from S. O. Brackett, interest on tax bill, 1904	$ 14 31	
Feb. 14. To cash rec'd from School District, for books and stove	1 54	
To cash rec'd from H. G. Perham, Harry Perham's tuition, student not a minor	16 00	
To cash rec'd from F. H. Batchelder, interest on tax bill, 1905	7 00	
Total		$2,002 43
To cash rec'd from F. H. Batchelder, Collector, at various times	$4,655 32	
To cash rec'd from S. O. Brackett, balance of tax bill, 1904	364 34	
Total		$5,019 66
Total		$7,022 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	$ 416 50	
County tax	697 13	
School purposes	1,148 30	
Repairing roads and bridges	1,113 73	
Miscellaneous purposes	608 71	
Aid to paupers	489 73	
Town officers	390 00	
Breaking roads	191 04	
Special purposes	189 50	
On account of damage to sheep by dogs	117 00	
For Library	60 00	
For High School tuition	49 00	
For interest on town notes	30 00	
For bridge hearing at North Walpole	37 10	
For abatement of taxes	17 96	
Total		$5,555 70
Cash in treasury to balance		1,466 39
Total		$7,022 09

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct and supported by vouchers.

H. N. HAYWARD, Auditor.

Auditor's Statement.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Note of Julia A. Osgood,	Principal	$ 80 00	
Flora E. Buss,	"	400 00	
Nellie E. Kemp,	"	300 00	
Hiram N. Hayward,	"	200 00	
" "	"	100 00	
Accrued interest (estimated)		14 00	
Amount of indebtedness			$1,094 00

ASSETS OF TOWN, FEB. 15, 1906.

Cash in treasury		$1,466 39	
Due from Almon E. Clark,	Collector, 1903,	83 16	
" Fred E. Batchelder,	" 1905,	300 00	
" County, on account of aid to paupers since November, 1905		41 75	
Amount of assets			$1,891 30
Amount of notes and interest deducted			1,094 00
			$797 30
In treasury Feb. 15, 1906, after paying indebtedness,		$797 30	
" " 1905, " "		472 31	
Gain from last year			$324 99

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. HAYWARD, Auditor.

Acworth, N. H., Feb. 15, 1906.

It should be remembered that at the annual meeting in March, 1905, the town voted one per cent of the valuation for the year 1904, which amounted to two hundred eighty-two dollars ($282), for the purpose of permanent improvement of highways.

The above-mentioned sum is in the treasury, and can be used for the purpose mentioned, whenever the town is ready to comply with the conditions required by the new highway law to receive State aid.

H. N. H.

Auditor's Statement

OF AFFAIRS AT ACWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1906.

H. N. Hayward, Treasurer.

1905.			
Feb. 15.	By cash in treasury, as per auditor's report	$ 71 70	
May 18.	" rec'd of town treas'r, repair fund	90 00	
June 22.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, school money, in part	400 00	
Oct. 30.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, school money, in part	265 00	
Nov. 4.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, school money, in part	85 00	
Nov. 28.	By cash rec'd of Lyman A. Young, for paint stock sold	60	
Dec. 2.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, balance tax money	135 00	
Dec. 12.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, Literary fund	56 10	
	By cash rec'd of town treas'r, State fund	99 40	
1906.			
Feb. 1.	By cash rec'd of Ray H. Buss, old windows, Grout Hill	60	
Feb. 14.	By cash rec'd of town treasurer, balance of dog fund	10 20	
	Total		$1,213 60

Paid Teachers' wages	$781 00	
Repairing school-houses	93 53	
Transportation of scholars	233 69	
For fuel	49 25	
For miscellaneous purposes	51 25	
Cash in treasury, to balance account	4 88	
Total		$1,213 60

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the School Board and Treasurer of Acworth Town School District, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

G. A. EVANS, Auditor.

CASH PAID FOR TEACHERS.

1905.		
June 23.	Nellie B. Russell, teaching 9 weeks in Tracy division	$ 45 00
	Nannie Buswell, teaching 9 weeks in Center division	72 00
June 26.	Louise M. Reed, teaching 9 weeks in County division	45 00
June 30.	Jessie B. Webster, teaching 9 weeks in in Grout Hill division	45 00
July 1.	Winifred L. Eaton, teaching 9 weeks in Derry Hill division	45 00
July 11.	Lutie Allingham, teaching 9 weeks in South Acworth division	67 50
Oct. 28.	Jessie B. Webster, teaching 8 weeks in Grout Hill division	40 00
	Alice S. Chadwick, teaching 8 weeks in South Acworth division	60 00
Nov. 3.	Goldie M. Barton, teaching 8 weeks in Derry Hill division	40 00
Nov. 7.	Louise M. Reed, teaching 8 weeks in County division	40 00
	Nellie B. Russell, teaching 8 weeks in Tracy division	40 00
Dec. 5.	Nannie Buswell, teaching 13 weeks in Center division	104 00
Dec. 9.	Nellie B. Russell, teaching 5 weeks in Tracy division	25 00
Dec. 11.	Jessie B. Webster, teaching 5 weeks in Grout Hill division	25 00

Dec. 21.	Alice S. Chadwick, teaching 5 weeks in South Acworth division	37 50	
Dec. 22.	Millicent B. Ross, teaching 5 weeks in Derry Hill division	25 00	
1906.			
Jan. 1.	Louise M. Reed, teaching 5 weeks in County division	25 00	
	Total		$781 00

REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1905.			
May 9.	Mrs. S. A. Young, shingles used on Grout Hill school-house	$ 60	
May 10.	F. B. Fowler, work on two school-houses	20 00	
	G. A. Evans, supplies for repairs	25 53	
	A. A. Fisk, repairs and material on school-house	6 10	
June 30.	Silas O. Brackett, laying stone in Grout Hill division	4 00	
Sept. 19.	Lewis Morse, painting 43 hours on school-houses, Derry Hill division	8 60	
	Fred Reed, painting 43 hours on school-house, Derry Hill division	8 60	
	G. A. Evans, paint and supplies	20 10	
	Total		$93 53

CASH PAID FOR FUEL.

1905.			
May 10.	W. L. Gowen, wood furnished Co. divis'n	$ 4 00	
June 23.	E. N. Crossett, 3 cords wood furnished Center and South Acworth divisions	12 00	
Oct. 28.	Arther L. Perham, 2 cords wood furnished Grout Hill division	8 00	
	Mrs. Nellie Burnham, wood furnished Tracy division	6 00	

Oct. 30.	Ray H. Buss, wood furnished and moving stove to South Acworth division	3 50	
1906.			
Feb. 7.	J. R. & E. N. Crossett, 2 cords wood furnished Center division	8 00	
	J. R. & E. N. Crossett, 1 cord wood furnished Derry Hill division	4 00	
Feb. 13.	Ray H. Buss, wood furnished Grout Hill division, postage, and fixing windows,	2 75	
Feb. 14.	A. E. Hemphill, wood furnish'd Cent'r div.	1 00	
	Total		$49 25

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

1905.			
June 7.	Mrs. Nellie Burnham, transportation of of scholars in Tracy division	20 00	
June 23.	H. N. Hayward, transportation of scholars in Center division	22 50	
	F. W. Hyde, transportation to Center div.	18 00	
June 24.	Mrs. Nellie Burnham, transportation of scholars in Tracy division	13 75	
June 28.	Mrs. C. H. Neal, transportation of scholars to Grout Hill division	27 00	
Oct. 27.	Hiram N. Hayward, transporting to Center division	17 40	
	Mrs. C. H. Neal, transportation of scholars to Grout Hill division	24 00	
Oct. 28.	Mrs. Nellie Burnham, transportation of scholars, and cleaning school-house, in Tracy division	32 44	
Dec. 12.	Mrs. Nellie Burnham, transportation of scholars 5 weeks in Tracy division	17 00	
Dec. 13.	Mrs. C. H. Neal, transportation of scholars 5 weeks to Grout Hill division	15 00	
Dec. 26.	F. W. Hyde, transporting his boys to Center division	10 40	

Dec. 27.	Miss Mary S. Potter, transporting the Jeffery children to Center division	12 00	
1906.			
Feb. 15.	James Jeffery, transporting his boys, 7 days, to Center division	4 20	
	Total		$233 69

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

1905.			
May 10.	Harry B. Gowen, janitor service, County division, 1904	1 50	
	Harry B. Gowen, putting in shingles in County division	50	
	Annie Washburn, cleaning school-house, and supplies, County division	2 25	
	Mrs. William Bailey, cleaning school-house, So. Acworth Division	2 25	
	Mrs. Nettie Watkins, cleaning two school houses	3 00	
	Mrs. Edward Mathewson, cleaning school-house	1 00	
June 23.	Miss Nannie Buswell, janitor work in Center division	2 00	
	Otis F. Rockwood, janitor work, and putting wood in shed, Center division	75	
June 28.	Henry Neal, janitor work, Grout Hill div.	1 00	
July 1.	Winifred L. Eaton, janitor work, Derry Hill division	1 50	
	Winifred L. Eaton, traveling expenses one way	3 89	
July 11.	John and Cora Emerson, janitor work, South Acworth division	2 00	
Sept. 8.	Herbert Lakin, janitor work, Tracy div.,	1 00	
Oct. 28.	Lyman A. Young, postage, incidentals,	2 26	
Oct. 30.	Ray H. Buss, cash paid for cleaning school-house	1 00	
Nov. 9.	Mrs. Nettie Watkins, cleaning school-house, Derry Hill division	1 00	

Dec. 2.	Fred H. Perham, janitor work, Grout Hill division	80	
Dec. 5.	Miss Nannie Buswell, sweeping school-house 13 weeks, Center division	2 00	
Dec. 9.	Miss Nellie B. Russell, janitor work 13 weeks, Tracy division	3 00	
Dec. 28.	Otis F. Rockwood, janitor work, Center division	1 30	
1906.			
Jan. 5.	Johnnie Emerson, janitor work 8 weeks, South Acworth division	4 00	
Jan. 12.	Miss Millicent B. Ross, janitor work 5 weeks, Derry Hill division	1 00	
Jan. 16.	Fred H. Perham, janitor work 5 weeks, Grout Hill division	50	
Jan. 20.	Willie S. Faught, janitor work 5 weeks, South Acworth division	4 00	
Feb. 14.	W. S. Lombard, services as truant officer	8 00	
	Total		$51 25

Silsby Free Public Library.

TRUSTEES.

Abram M. Mitchell,	Term expires	March,	1906.
George A. Evans,	"	"	1907.
Hiram N. Hayward,	"	"	1908.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

The Library continues to contribute to the public interest, especially, when people wish to entertain their friends, or to offer inducements to parties who wish to purchase real-estate. Two hundred and forty-two visitors have registered during the year,—nearly one half of the number on "Old Home Day." The number of 3,094 books and other publications have been loaned since your last annual report, making the average 59½ each week. Ten monthlies and four weeklies are taken by the Library. All are eagerly read, and seem to be a valuable addition to the usefulness of the institution. Thirty-two new books have been received during the year, making the present number 2,410.

In August, Miss Nellie Louise Woodbury sang, and Mr. E. K. Morrison delivered an interesting and instructive lecture for the benefit of your library, both of whom have the thanks of all.

Friends furnish Harper's Weekly, the Saturday Evening Post, the Printing Art, and the Kitchen Magazine, others remembered us in various ways, and it is pleasant to know that I. H. Silsby is respected and remembered.

With thanks to the Mission Band and to all who subscribed in December last, I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report.

Respectfully Submitted,

HIRAM N. HAYWARD, Libarian.

Acworth, N. H., Feb. 14, 1906.

Silsby Free Public Library

In account with H. N. Hayward Treasurer.

1905.			
Mar. 15.	By cash in treasurer as shown in town report	$ 2	54
Aug. 18.	Rec'd sale of tickets for eetertainment,	27	00
18.	Rec'd from sale of ice cream	6	90
19.	Rec'd of Mission Band, sale of ice cream,	1	50
19.	Rec'd Merle Reed, sale of tickets		50
Sept. 7.	Rec'd Mrs. H. L. Johnson, library book,	1	89
Oct. 14.	Rec'd Mrs S. F. Gerold, donation,		50
Dec. 2.	Rec'd town treasurer appropriation	60	00
22.	Rec'd Mission Band, donation	5	00
30.	Individuals as shown on subscription list,	10	75
		116	58

EXPENDITURES.

1905.			
Apr. 10.	To piling wood in basement		60
May 31.	Cleaning building during the spring months,	3	00
31.	Cash paid Brick Store Co. varnish and brush,	3	53
June 12.	varnishing interior of building	1	50
Aug. 19.	Brick Store Co, Sup. for ice cream,		65
19.	Gaylie M. Call, " "		15
19.	E. K Morrison, expenses procuring Colonial records	2	00
Aug. 28.	for broom for library		30
Sept. 8.	DeWolfe, Fiske, & Co., Lib. books,	5	55
8.	E. E. Reed, express		45
22.	DeWolfe, Fiske, & Co., Lib. books,	16	72
22.	S. O. Brackett express		60
Oct. 25.	Wm. Miller, library books	2	25

Nov.	12.	To Cash Rec'd Cleaning Bl'd during the fall months,	3	00
	27	W. H. Moore, papers and magazines,	10	50
Dec.	6.	" " " "	11	75
1906.				
Jan.	13.	H. R. Neal, 2 cords wood	6	00
	26.	Forest Watkins, sawing 2 cords wood,		80
	27.	piling wood in basement		50
Feb.	14,	Janitor and librarian ser. one year,	39	00
	14,	labering, numbering records, one yr.	2	00
	14,	postage and money order fees		45
			111	23
To cash in treasury to balance			5	35
			116	58

Respectfully Submitted,

H. N. HAYWARD, Treasuer.

Acworth N. H., Feb. 14, 1906.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The school question is the principal one before the voters of Acworth. It is more important than that of finance for finance concerns the present only while in the education of the children lies the hope of the town. The schools of New Hampshire have been far behind those of our sister states, but she is now making a great effort to raise the standard of education.

Looking backward at the town school for a quarter of a century and comparing them with the schools of the present time, no important change has been made that has preceptably advanced the standard of education.

During three decades some superintendents have done a good work and laid the foundation for future prosperity, but most unfortunately others have not builded on the foundation then laid.

It is believed in this report that it will be better to use the alloted space for the discussion of the schools as a whole and suggest ways of improvement.

The past year there was money for only 23 weeks of school. No money was available from the dog tax and three school-houses were painted. Next year the Tracy District school-house should be painted, provided it can be done at a reasonable expense.

The schools, as a whole, have been good,—some most excellent, in others the results have not been what it was reasonable to expect. The small pay allowed the teachers in the outlying districts necessitates, often times, employing persons without previous experience, and, in some cases, without sufficient preparation. However, a beginner may prove a better teacher than some with experience. (?)

It was found that a majority of schools in town were very backward in reading, a result of several years of incorrect methods of teaching, and they were using books far beyond their ability. In arithmetic some were cyphering in square and cube root, who could not do all the examples in fractions or understand the principles of percentage.

It was thought best to change both reading-books and arithmetics, and very little change in text-books will now be necessary for some time to come.

A record should be kept of books loaned to students, as many forget to return them, and the town is obliged to purchase books in their place.

An effort was made to impress upon teachers and scholars the necessity of thoroughness and accuracy, but the instructions were not, in all cases, carried out as it was expected they would be.

There is a growing tendency toward centralization, that is, to have fewer schools. This will mean larger and perhaps better schools in the villages, but it may also mean a hardship to many distant families, and the question needs most careful consideration. It also raises the question of transportation, which is a serious one at the present time, and is each year growing more so.

There is no question about the need of more school-money, but, until better results can be shown for the money appropriated, there is small hope of a larger sum being raised.

Is it advisable to establish a curriculum, that is, have a prescribed course of study in our schools? Should a scholar in the outlying districts have the same chance, the same studies and the same lessons as if he attended the center school? It will take time to bring this about, and means careful study and intelligent supervision; but will not the results repay for the labor expended? This should not be undertaken unless it could be carried out for a number of years, for a change to this system and then back to the present one would be a positive detriment to the schools.

How can we improve the schools?

1. Parents should take more interest in the schools and visit them oftener. Visits to schools by parents and citizens are a decided benefit to the school in several ways.

2. The School Board should visit the schools as often as the law requires.

3. All of the School laws should be enforced, especially that of School attendance.

4. Expect a teacher to make good the time for which they are paid. In all manufacturing establishments operatives are held accountable to the quarter hour. Why not teachers to the half day, or day, at least?

5. To instruct the teacher to teach accuracy and thoroughness; to see that the scholars know and understand each principle, and to dwell upon that until it is mastered. It is not the number of pages a boy has studied, it is the facts he has learned, that he must rely on in business.

6. Elect the best men to office. No person should be eligible to serve on the School Board who has not sufficient education to teach.

It is hoped that some of these suggestions may be helpful, and it is certainly believed that the nearer they are followed the better schools we shall have in the future.

EDGAR K. MORRISON.

Births registered in the town of Acworth, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Male or female	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child 1st, 2d, 3d&c.	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of father	Age of mother
Jan 17	Acworth	Edna E Elliott	F	L	2	W	Charles C Elliott	Frances W Perham	W	All reside in	Farmer	Shelburne Vt	Acworth	35	38
Jan 29		Dwight Bell	M	L	1	W	Thomas D Bell	Lillian Mayson	W		"	Moors N Y	Moors N Y	25	33
Apr 24		Elmer E Bates	M	L	3	W	Elmer E Bates	Bertha M Damerse	W	Acworth	Laborer	Gilsum	Alstead	45	25
May 3		Dean S Potter	M	L	1	W	Rollo B Potter	Gladys D Spaulding	W		Farmer	Castleton Vt	Wells Vt	29	24
July 4		Gertrude E Walker	F	L	2	W	Roswell Walker	Edith G Willis	W		"	Acworth	Alstead	42	19
July 22		Ray A Newton	M	L	1	W	Elmer E Newton	Annie Neal	W		"	"	Acworth	38	33
July 26		Freland E R	M	L	1	W	C O Hemphill	Edith Russell	W		"	"	Stoddard	47	17
Aug 20		Nelson C Faught	M	L	4	W	John H Faught	Lizzie Simonds	W		Cider Bottler	New York N Y	So Bend Ind	35	34
Oct 12		Mabel D Pitkins	F	L	8	W	Wm A Pitkins	Belle E Crossett	W		Farmer	Pomfret Vt	Acworth	33	32
1901 Oct 11			M	L	6	W	Wm A Pitkins	Belle E Crossett	W		"	"	"	29	28

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. N. Spaulding, Town Clerk.

Marriages registered in the town of Acworth, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age in years	Color	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Birthplace of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	What marriage 1st, 2d, 3d, etc.	Name, residence, and Official Station of person by whom married
Feb 1	All in Acworth	Arthur L Perham	Acworth	29	All W	Farmer	Acworth	Horace G Perham Ella F Stone	Acworth Nashua	Farmer Housewife	1	Francis O Tyler Clergyman
		Gertrude M Russell	Marlow	20		Teacher	Gilsum	Wm C Russell Frances Ball	SchroonLk.NY Haverhill	Farmer Housewife	1	Marlow
Mar 8		A. J Gainley	Unity	27		Shoemaker	N. Adams Mass	A Gainley			1	F B Rockwood Clergyman
		Julia Comstock	Acworth	37		Housewife	Alstead	Amanda Burnash	St John Ca,	Housewife	4	Acworth
June 28		Tho's W Muzzey	Acworth	23		Vetrenary	Bridport Vt	Eliza Mayson Ormat T Muzzey	Moore N Y Saranac N Y	Housewife Farmer	1	F B Rockwood
		HattieA Spaulding	"	29		Trained Nurse	Wells Vt	Nathan Spaulding Amelia Bardon	Pawlet Vt Wells Vt	Farmer Housewife	1	Acworth
Nov 1		Solan L Neal	"	24		Farmer	Acworth	W C Neal Hattie L Gilmore	Hartford Vt Charlestown	Farmer Housewife	1	F B Rockwood
		Bertha F Perham	"	23		Teacher	"	H G Perham Ella F Stone	Acworth Nashua	Farmer Housewife	1	Acworth

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Deaths registered in the town of Acworth, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Male or female	Color	Single, Widowed, Married	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
Jan 21	Acworth	Kimball E Wood	78	10	18	Alstead	M	All	W	Farmer	Alstead		Eliza Wood	Rhoda Williams	Heart Disease
May 5	"	Nancy Loomis	83	4	7	Stoddard	F	W	W			Stoddard	Samuel Green	Mary Ball	Valvular Heart
May 19	Hancock	James A Wood	72	11	26	Alstead	M		M	Retired	Alstead	Lempster	Amasa Wood	Polly M Huntley	CerebralHem.
July 11	Acworth	Bessie Carney	65			Ireland	F		S	Housework					Acute Nepthis.
July 22	"	Eva L Hemphill	31	10	6	Lawrence Mass	F		M	Housewife	Acworth	Calais Me	Hiram R Neal	Henrietta Welch	Pul. Oclama
Aug 25	"	Ray A Newton			3	Acworth	M				Acworth	Acworth	ElmerENewton	Anna G Neal	Conuultions
Oct 30	"	Daniel Warner	73	5	27	"	M		M	Farmer	Londondery	Acworth	Daniel Warner	Betsy Keyes	Pneumonia
Dec 14	"	Elmira H Jones	77	6		Herkimer N Y	F		W	Housewife		Ireland	HosayHemenway	Rachael English	CardiacSyn'ope
Dec 18	"	Lydia J Hubbard	83	7	27	Peterboro	F		W	"	Woburn Mass	Hancock	Ruel Richardson	Betsy Davis	Pentonetus

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